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Post Shorts

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Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Sept. 10, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Medical clinics to close early Sept. 5

On Sept. 5, Kirk U.S. Health Clinic (including the Pharmacy), the Edgewood Troop Medical Clinic, the Dental Clinic, and the Veterinary Clinic will close at noon for their annual organization day. All clinics will open at the regularly scheduled time and Edgewood Troop Medical Clinic will remain open in a limited capacity to support the post chemical mis-

Garrison Work Force Briefing

Two Garrison Work Force Briefings will be held on Sept. 8. The first session will be held 8:30 a.m. at the Post Theater. The second session will be held 1:30 p.m. at the EA Conference Center, building E-4810. Directors are to be in attendance for both sessions. Maximum attendance is encouraged. Deputy Installation Commander Col. Mardi U. Mark and her staff will present the briefing.

DSHE will sample water in EA

During the week of Sept. 7, Aberdeen Proving Ground will conduct lead and copper sampling throughout the Edgewood

Lead and copper sampling of the water distribution system is mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Cooperation and assistance is vital to completing this task.

The Directorate of Health, Safety, Environment has selected numerous housing units and buildings within the Edgewood Area for sampling. Not households/buildings will be asked to participate. The APG Housing Division or DSHE will contact those residents/tenants selected to participate. Sample bottles and instructions will be delivered the day before the test date and picked up after collection.

For more information or if residents feel that they cannot participate due to scheduling conflicts, call Richard Wiggins, DSHE at 410-306-2279.

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golf course

Old friends reunite at APG



Phan Van Tai, a former South Vietnamese Army officer and political prisoner of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, thinks about an answer to a question concerning the reuniting of his family in the United States while visiting APG recently. Tai was visiting APG with his sponsor from the Ordnance Officer Career Course at APG in 1965, retired Col. William

E.C. Starnes

U.S. Army Ordnance Corps

When William Paris and Phan Van Tai first met, both were students in the Ordnance Officer

Career Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground. One was an American officer who moved on to a peacetime assignment in Korea. The other returned to war. Some 38 years later they returned to APG for a tour of where they first

Today Paris is retired from the U.S. Army and from a second career as a consultant, and Tai is a U.S. citizen. Following the fall of his country and 13 years in a prison camp, he is still struggling to reunite his family.

Paris was a first lieutenant and served as Tai's sponsor during the course and the two became friends. Tai visited with Paris's family while they attended the course, which ran from April 2 to September 8, 1965.

For Paris it was a professional development course leading to his follow-on assignment in Korea. For Tai, it was a break from the war raging in his homeland, Vietnam.

In fact, by the time Tai returned to Vietnam major events had taken place, taking the war to

From April to September 1965, the U.S. military presence in South Vietnam had increased from 33,000 troops to 140,000 plus troops with the total expected to reach nearly 200,000 by year's end. President Lyndon Johnson had asked for an increase of \$1.7 billion in military aid to South Vietnam, and U.S. military forces were authorized to carry out combat missions. In fact, the first joint operation between U.S. and South Vietnamese government forces took place in June and the first solely American action took place in August as U.S. Marines killed nearly 600 enemy soldiers during an unsuccessful attack near Chu Lai.

There were also many changes that would affect Tai's role as an ammunition officer as the

U.S. First Logistical Command was established and the U.S. Headquarters in Vietnam also open ed its doors in Long Binh.

Also, Communist forces had conducted successful raids in Pleiku, Phu Bon, Darlac and Kontum Provinces, the heart of the Central Highlands. Terrorists attacks had occurred in Saigon as two floating restaurants were bombed. The Viet Cong (VC) attacked the Da Nang air base and, within a month of his return, the VC increased their attacks at Da Nang and Chu Lai and mounted an extended attack on a U.S. Special Forces camp at Plei Me.

While Tai's primary role was as an ammunition officer, he and his troops were called on to fight off VC incursions. It wasn't something new. In the early 60s he had been the commander of the 50th Ammunition Storage Base Depot and encountered VC operations in the nearby village.

"The VC would come in at night and kill villagers. The villagers were afraid of the VC," Tai explained. "You could send in 100 men, 200 men into the village and it would be quiet because the VC could see you and they would hide."

So, Tai decided to follow a campaign of guerilla warfare of his own. He assigned 3 or 4man teams to move into the village. They would remain overnight. When the VC came in at night, his soldiers would fire on them.

"After a few times, the VC would not come back," he said.

In 1968, Tai was working in Saigon as a staff officer when the VC launched the Tet Offensive. He was again placed in the middle of combat.

"I was in a military arsenal," Tai explained. There was an armor unit assigned to the arsenal. Many of the soldiers were on "New Year vacation," he noted. When the VC attacked, the commander of the armor unit was killed within the first hour. Tai took command and rallied the 50 soldiers and held the VC off for three days

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Deadline fast approaching for Chesapeake Bay Trust Scholarship

Award Celebrates Commitment to Diversity and the Environment

Jeff Muller

September 30 is the deadline for students interested in applying for the Chesapeake Bay Trust Honorable Arthur Dorman Scholarship, a \$2,000 award for environmental studies course work at a Maryland higher education institution. Maryland high school seniors and undergraduate college students are invited to apply.

The scholarship honors a Maryland student who combines an intense interest in and commitment to the environment and the Chesapeake Bay with an equal commitment to strengthening communities by promoting diversity and a respect for all individuals. An applicant must be a high school senior or college undergraduate student who is a Maryland resident, excels in the classroom, and holds a GPA greater than 3.0 on a 4 point scale, indicates financial need, and shows strong leader-

The successful applicant will exemplify the character of Sen. Arthur Dorman who, during his 38 years serving the Maryland legislature, was committed to the environment and social causes. Dorman acted as chair of the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Board of Trustees from 1996 to 2000 and he now serves as a Trustee Emeritus.

"I am flattered to have this scholarship named after me," Dorman said. "What makes this most special is that this honor will benefit our youth. I look forward to hearing of the accomplishments of the many scholarship winners to come, and learning how they become the new leaders in our quest for a better environment, both socially and physically."

"We are proud to memorialize Senator Dorman's contributions with this scholarship," said David O'Neill, executive

ship in school and community director of the trust. "He has set an example of progressive thought and action that embodies the values of the trust. We are excited to help our future generations continue this commitment to diversity and the environment."

To find out more about this scholarship opportunity, contact the trust at 410-974-2941, ext. 4, or visit www.chesapeakebaytrust.org.

Since 1985, the Chesapeake Bay Trust - a private, nonprofit, non-advocacy grant-making organization - has funded more than \$13 million towards on-the-ground projects that restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay. Throughout Maryland, the trust funds projects that restore wetlands, plant trees and bay grasses, reintroduce oyster and fish populations, and provides schoolchildren with meaningful Bay experiences.

Lonestar concert coming Sept. 12

Installation readying for concert crowds

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Two of Country music's hottest acts will perform on Aberdeen Proving Ground's Shine Sports Field during the Miller Lite Army Concert Tour, Friday, Sept. 12. Lonestar will bring its "From Here to There" concert tour to

APG with special guest, Trace Adkins. Installation activities are planning and preparing for what

should be a smooth evening for all.

"The Commissary and Post Exchange will close at 4 p.m. that day to provide additional parking areas," said Joseph Darabasz, police services chief of the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

"Concert goers must use the Route 22 gate and ensure they have a photo ID," he added.

In addition, signs will direct fans to designated parking areas and access to off limits areas will be blocked off, Darabasz said.

"I would caution fans not to bring anything on the installation that could be used as a weapon, like flagpoles," he said.

Gwen Meadows of Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing, added that other items not permitted include coolers, cameras, food, drinks and pets.

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Dining facility appreciates its patrons with special meal

Yvonne Johnson APG News

Story and photo by

A delectable menu brought

soldiers, military retirees and civilians together to enjoy the first customer appreciation meal offered by the staff of the building 4503 dining facility, Aug. 19.

Led by dining facility manager Gerard LaRuffa, the staff prepared such delicacies as lobster tails, fried shrimp, and salmon steaks for its first ever appreciation meal.

"This was a joint effort between workers and staff members," LaRuffa said. "Everyone chipped in."

"It's just our way of saying thank you to the community."

In regard to the facility's being named a finalist in the Philip A. Connelly Excellence in Food Service Award compe-

tition for the northeast region, LaRuffa said the staff is preparing now for the November judging.

"We'll be putting in a lot of hours, doing a lot of training," he said. "It will be a team effort all the way.

Assistant manager, Jamal A. Rashjed, added that the staff is one of the best he's worked with during his 29 years in the food service industry.

"They are outstanding," Rashjed said. "They work hard and they try hard. They'll do the best they can, which is enough for me. Hopefully, it will be enough to win."

The facility's previous awards include first place in the U.S. Army Materiel Command large category, 1992, and the small category runner up in 1993.



Johnett Debow, mess attendant, right, hands a full plate to Pfc. Kevin Cook, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, during the Customer Appreciation meal in building 4503, Aug. 19.

Deployment News

DoD reports progress in pneumonia investigation

The Department of Defense has announced progress in the investigation of a number of cases of pneumonia among military members deployed for military operations in Southwest Asia.

"From what we have learned so far, it appears there are a series of unusual pneumonia cases that have occurred in Southwest Asia. These cases do not represent an epidemic, and it is not being spread through person-to-person contact. We are making significant progress in eliminating a number of possible causes, such as SARS and vaccines. Our investigatory process is helping to determine if there is a single explanation, or if there are multiple cases," said Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "Understanding the cause is important to prevent future cases."

To date, the investigation has found evidence that two of the non-fatal cases were associated with "Streptococcus pneumoniae", the most common cause of bacterial pneumonia.

Col. Bruno Petruccelli, director, epidemiology and disease surveillance at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, said, "There is evidence that 10 of the cases have shown a higher than usual number of blood cells of one specific type called eosinophils. An increase in this type of white blood cell can occur in a variety of medical conditions, for example, infections, asthma, hay fever and allergies. Medical personnel are trying to determine why some of the 19 patients with severe pneumonia showed an increase in these cells."

Petruccelli also said, "It is our duty to patients and family members to ensure that we have done everything we can to understand what has happened. We must take whatever time is needed to do a thorough job of gathering and analyzing information about these pneumonia cases. Our work is progressing

No other common infectious agents, evidence of exposure to chemical or biological weapons, severe acute respiratory syn-

drome (SARS), or environmental toxins have been identified. Among the several hundred thousand deployed service members in Southwest Asia over the past six months, approximately 100 have developed pneumonia. The rate is consistent with what might be expected for a healthy population of similar ages to the service members. The concern, however, is about the smaller number of service members, now identified as 19 cases, who developed severe pneumonia. Two service members have died from the disease, the first in Iraq on June 17 and the second in Germany on July 12. The Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner is determining specific cause or causes of death.

From March to August 2003, 17 soldiers, one Marine, and one sailor have developed pneumonia serious enough to warrant medical evacuation for ventilator (respirator) support. Fourteen of these members responded to standard treatment for pneumonia, recovered from their illness, and returned to duty. Three remain hospitalized.

Two of the 19 serious cases became ill in March, two in April, one in May, six in June, four in July, and four so far in August. Of the serious cases no two individuals (18 men and one woman) were from the same unit. Thirteen of the cases became ill in Iraq and six were in other Central Command countries, including Kuwait, Qatar, Uzbekistan, and Djibouti.

Among the investigative efforts underway are two Army Epidemiological Consultation teams. One team is in Iraq looking for commonalities among the cases-for example, time, place or symptoms-and whether anything in the nature of the cases is unusual when compared with similar DoD members, whether deployed or not, and U.S. civilian populations. A second team has been at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, where most of the pneumonia cases have been treated following medical evacuation from Southwest Asia.

A scientist from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has joined the consultative team at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, where all information from the Germany and Iraq EPICON teams is being gathered, analyzed and evaluated. The department also has engaged the expertise of several members of the Armed Forces Epidemiology Board, which is an advisory committee of eminent civilian scientists and physicians. These Board members are providing the Department with consultative expertise during the investigation. The CDC's associate director for epidemiologic science, and a member of the AFEB, is also involved in this investigative review. The EPICON teams and other investigators will make preventive or corrective recommendations based upon their find-

Pneumonia is a common illness worldwide in all populations. In the Army, for example, pneumonia is serious enough to warrant hospitalization for about 9 of every 10,000 soldiers each year, resulting in 450-500 total cases Army-wide. According to U.S. medical statistics for the year 2000, this rate is very similar to the rate for the general population of those between the ages of 15 and 45 (10.5 of 10,000 per year). Therefore, the approximately 100 total cases of pneumonia do not exceed a normal, expected rate for this disease, despite the harsh environmental conditions found in Southwest Asia. While death from pneumonia is rarely seen in young, otherwise healthy populations such as the military, it does occur. For example, from 1998 through 2002, 17 Army members (worldwide) have died from pneumonia or from complications of pneumonia.

Winkenwerder said, "Our work is progressing well in the continuing investigation of these pneumonia cases. So far, we are able to rule out several sources of this illness — such as SARS. However, we are deeply saddened at the loss of our service members, and we share in the desire of their families, friends and commanders to identify the cause of this illness. We are committed to providing world-class care for our people and we will pursue this pneumonia investigation until answers are found.

Blood still needed to support service members in need

Type O blood in short supply

TRICARE

Though major hostilities have ended in Iraq, blood is still needed to support those who remain and those engaged in Operation Enduring Freedom.

In addition to supporting the needs of military members and their families at home, the Armed Services Blood Program is responsible for supplying blood to soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines deployed worldwide. The ASBP needs continuing donor support to make sure the men and women who serve receive the best care possible.

Having enough blood in forward areas can make the difference between life and death for those injured in the line of duty.

Blood and blood products are needed for procedures ranging from leukemia treatment to for extended periods of time are currently not replaced. That's what makes blood donors so the Armed Services Blood Program Web site trauma surgery every day.

and it was critical during the height of military operations. Though the need remains high, the ASBP has fewer eligible donors than it had just a few months ago.

The ASBP collects blood from the military community, for the military community.

"The program depends on donors who give as often as they can to provide blood products for sick and injured service members," said ABSP Director Col. G. Michael Fitzpatrick. "Many of those who gave routinely are now deployed or are temporarily unable to give because they were recently in malaria-endemic areas. We need others to step up and fill that void."

Some confusion exists over who is able to donate. While many who have been in Europe eligible to donate due to concerns about trans- important. We really can't do it without them. http://www.tricare.osd.mil/asbpo/index.htm.)

The need for blood was high before the war mission of variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease, travel to Europe for shorter periods of time doesn't necessarily exclude a person from donating. Information explaining donor eligibility is available on the ASBP Web site http://www.tricare.osd.mil/asbpo/donor_info/defe rral.htm.

> Those with additional questions about eligibility should contact their local blood donor center. An online directory of blood donor cenavailable

> http://www.tricare.osd.mil/asbpo/donor info/don or centers.htm.

> "Though many medical advances are helping save lives in the field, nothing can take the place of blood," Fitzpatrick said. He also noted that, "Bandages with clotting agents can help slow bleeding, but once blood is lost it must be

They truly save lives every day."

While all blood types are needed every day, Type O blood continues to be in high demand. ASBP officials explain that Type O blood is sent to forward areas because it can be given to anyone in an emergency. Once tests can be run to confirm their blood type, injured service members will receive blood that matches their specific type.

Anyone wishing to donate blood or sponsor a group blood drive, should contact a local blood donor center to make arrangements.

According to the quotes Web site, "American pride flows through us all. Donate blood." (Editor's note: Source material can be found at

Speakers bureau forming to support Operation Tribute to Freedom

The Department of Defense is currently searching for volunteers to participate in regional speaking teams in support of Operation Tribute to Freedom.

Speaking teams will consist of a representative from each of the armed services, and they will share their personal experiences with local communities at events nationwide. Soldiers, Sailors, Enduring

Airmen, Marines and Coast Philippines; Guardsmen will help reinforce bond between the American public and the military, and provide a forum for the citizens to express their gratitude.

Volunteering should be:

• A veteran of either Operation Iraqi Freedom, and present a proper military Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan or Operation Freedom-

• In the grade of E-1 through 0-5;

• Available for one or more speaking event between now and Nov. 11:

• Able to travel within a Personnel interested in one-day radius of their duty

> • Energetic and articulate appearance.

Team members are expected to speak for approximately

five minutes about his or her personal experiences, motivations and reflections of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. Members should also remain available to take questions from the audience after their remarks.

Military personnel interested in volunteering should contact their Public Affairs Office or log onto www.defendamerica.mil/otf

NFL kick-off live for military

Operation Tribute to uniformed men and women Freedom and the National Football League will host the NFL Kick-Off Live, Sept. 4 at 6 p.m. on the National Mall.

The first 5,000 uniformed men and women will have stage-front access at the conwhich cert, includes Aerosmith, Mary J. Blige, Britney Spears, Good Charlotte and Aretha Franklin who will sing the national anthem. An additional 20,000

and their families will also have preferred access to the event.

At the end of the concert the game between the Washington Redskins and New York Jets starts at 9 p.m. and will be shown at the Mall on the jumbo-tron

The event will be televised locally on ABC, channel 2 or cable channel 12.

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Pets of the week



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

You'll adore the Gabors

Twin sisters, Zsa Zsa and Eva get a lift at the end of their playtime in the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility. Several kittens just like them, and cats and dogs in need of homes are available for adoption. Anyone may adopt a pet from the facility. For more information, call the VTF at 410-278-4604.

July CAC addresses community concerns

Sonya P. Reynolds APG News

The Community Action Council Meeting was held July 24 at the main conference room in building 305, on Aberdeen Proving Ground. Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, officiated the meeting.

Commissary

The commissary will hold a truckload sale on Sept. 4 and 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sept. 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The APG Commissary received the Golden Penman Award for the best commissarv.

On Sept. 12, the Commissary and PX will close at 4 p.m. for the concert to accommodate parking.

KUSAHC

Kirk Army U.S. Health Clinic Commander Ellen Bradley, expressed concern about missed appointments. She 22 percent of all appointments end up as "no shows". Bradley asked that all active duty and dependents cancel their appointments 24 hours in advance, thus allowing the opportunity for someone else to have that slot. KUSAHC's concern is the high rate of missed appointments could result in the loss of a provider. **DCFA**

The Child Care Center needs customers for the Early Morning Physical Training Program. Officials said at least 10 children are needed to make it cost effective.

Access to playgrounds on both Aberdeen and Edgewood Area youth centers continues to be a problem and parents are still unhappy about playgrounds not being suitable for

Representatives from Child and Youth Services said the facilities are available after 6 p.m. during the weekdays and

weekends but certain restric- done. tions apply. Children four and under must be accompanied by an adult. Children five to ten years, must have an adult near

Children ages 8 through 12 years, may access the playground without the supervision of an adult, however, they are limited to no more than two hours

Residents using the facility were reminded to help keep the grounds clean.

DLES

Robert W. Krauer, DLES, encourages civilians and active duty personnel to register their vehicles. He said that this would help reduce traffic lining up at the gate. Vehicles can be registered at building 4305 in the Aberdeen area and E-4420 building Edgewood.

Krauer said any motorcyclists that have not taken the required course to operate a motorcycle as per Department of Defense will not be able to ride on the installation. He said he will begin passing out flyers on post as a reminder, adding that many cyclists complained and wanted such a program to be offered on post and when he made it happen, the program is not being supported.

Speeding in both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas continues to be a concern, but the problem does seem to be getting better, according to Mark. She expressed her gratitude to Krauer, for a job well

Krauer said he attributes the decrease to ensuring officers issue tickets as opposed to giving warnings.

Mark added that though the speeders' rates have declined, it still concerns her about who is doing the speeding.

Mark said she is happy to see children enjoying life on post, riding their big wheels and bicycles, but she was concerns that children are riding without reflective gear. Mark recommended that parents invest in such gear for safety.

Chief, Housing Division

Housing repairs are at a stand still because funding is not available. This includes repairs at playgrounds.

Residents are upset about the overall conditions of the playgrounds, adding that the swings are hanging by their

Housing explained that they are not neglecting to take care of the issues on the playgrounds, rather, they have nearly 100 playgrounds to make suitable and that they just have not gotten to them

DIO

Director Bert Scott said they are preparing for winter months as they transition into heating. He said next year they will replace the units, providing the funds come in.

Community Comments

1st Sgt. Victor Delerosa, USAF Det, OMMS, men-See CAC page 9



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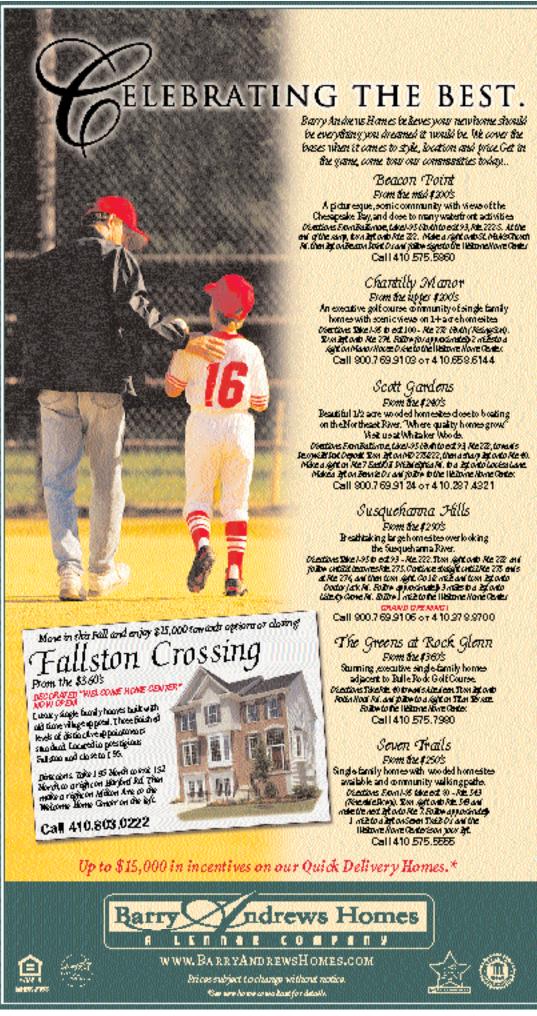


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Community Notes

Movies

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50, building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard. To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.

BAD BOYS II

Friday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m.

Starring: Martin Lawrence, Will Smith

Narcotics cops Mike Lowrey (Smith) and Marcus Bennett (Lawrence) head up a task force investigating the flow of ecstasy into Miami. Their search leads to a dangerous kingpin, whose plan to control the city's drug traffic has touched off an underground war. Meanwhile, things get sexy between Mike and Syd (Union), Marcus's sister. (Rated R)

POKEMON HEROES

Saturday, Sept. 6, 1 p.m. Animated

Ash, Pikachu and the rest of the Pokemon gang try and stop a pair of thieves hiding out in the canals and alleyways of Alto Mare, the water capital of the world. Joining the adventure are two new

Pokémons, a brother/sister pair named Latias and Latios who are protecting the Droplet of the Heart - a valuable treasure. (Rated G)

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: THE CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL

Saturday, Sept. 6, 7 p.m.

Starring: Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom

This roller coaster tale teams a young man, Will Turner, with an unlikely ally in rogue pirate Jack Sparrow. Together, they must battle a band of the world's most treacherous pirates, led by the cursed Captain Barbossa, in order to save Elizabeth, the love of Will's life, as well as recover the lost treasure that Jack seeks. Clashing their swords in fierce mortal combatWill and Jack attempt to lift the curse of the Pirates of the Caribbean. (Rated PG-13)

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5 COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8. A cash bar is available but no lessons will be given. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

THURSDAY AND **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11 AND 13**

EFFECTIVE BICYCLING CLASS

The League of American Bicyclists "Road I" course helps cyclists develop bicycle handling and traffic skills. Given by a certified instructor from One Less Car, Maryland's bike advocacy group, the class teaches cyclists how to ride safely in traffic and on multi-use trails and to fix the most common mechanical problems.

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Format: Net Best Two Balls of Foursome

The class will be held Sept. 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Sept. 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Bel Air United Methodist Church on the corner of Route 924 and Linwood Avenue. Cost is \$28, payable to One Less Car.

Bring a bike and helmet. The course is designed for those age 14 and older.

Pre-registration is required; call Jeff Springer at 410-638-8812, or e-mail at springjk1@comcast.net to reserve a spot in the class.

SUNDAY **SEPTEMBER 7 OPEN HOUSE**

The Christian Education Department and the St. James A.M.E. Church School of 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, are hosting an Open House at 9:15 a.m. Activities will include introduction of church school staff, registration for new students and a discussion forum. Light refreshments will be served.

The Church School has classes for everyone ages 3 through adult. For more information, call 410-939 2267.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14 PADDLE FOR SIGHT

The Chestertown Lions Club will hold the Second Annual Paddle For Sight at 9 a.m. at the Chestertown American Legion Hall just east of town off Morgnec Road.

All kayak and canoe paddlers of all experience levels are invited to participate. The cost to participate is \$20.

All proceeds will benefit sight conservation projects. For more information, call Matt Bershon at 410-708-



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From front page **Hispanic heritage** celebration

The Hispanic Employment Program, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine will present "Hispanic Americans: Honoring our Past, Surpassing our Present and Leading our Future," 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 17 at the Gunpowder Club, building E-4650. Activities include speakers, food sampling, displays, music and a dance group.

For more information, call Linda Patrick at 410-436-1023; Spec. Alex Diaz a 410-436-3647; Eleonor Gordon at 410-436-8304; Adrover at 410-436-8341; or Capt. Roberto Marin at 410-436-5486

Basic Spanish Class

The Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program will offer a free Spanish class each Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., from Sept. 18 through Oct. 23, at ACS, building 2754 Rodman Road. Military personnel, APG DoD civilians, and family members are eligible to attend. A trip to Spain or Latin America will be more enjoyable after a course in basic grammar and conversation. The class will focus on reallife situations. Students will learn the basic structure and vocabulary of the Spanish language, learn to order meals, go sightseeing, ask directions, and have basic conversation as they learn about the Spanishspeaking culture through books and tapes and from the personal experiences of the instructor.

For more information or to register, call Relocation Readiness at 410-278-7474/2453.

Commissary holds case lot sale

AAFES and the post Commissary will hold a case

lot sale Sept. 4 and 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sept. 6, 10 a.m. 3 p.m. Springfield Boulevard will be closed throughout the sale.

Some items included in the case lot sale are frozen and dry foods, paper and canned goods, sodas and pet food. The Commissary will remain open during the sale.

For more information, call 410-278-3926.

Ordnance Museum hours

The U.S. Army Ordnance Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily, and closed all holidays except Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans Day. For more information, call 410-278-3602 or visit Web site www.ordmusfound.org.

Meeting of the Chesapeake **Beacon, Chapter 114, WACVA**

The Chesapeake Beacon, Chapter 114, of the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association will hold its monthly meeting at Sept. 11, 6 p.m., at the Aberdeen Senior Center, 7 Franklin Street.

The chapter meets once a month to discuss ways to be of assistance to veterans and active duty personnel, along with giving assistance to the community when needed.

An ongoing membership drive welcomes all women veterans from all services.

WACVA is the only national female veterans' association that holds a Congressional Charter providing a voice in policies affecting veterans.

For more information about dates, times, and locations of meetings, or for more information about the association, contact Wanda Story at 410-272-5040; e-mail OkieGirlMD@aol.com; check the chapter Web site at

www.wacva.com.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield service visit

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative from Cross/Blue Shield to visit Aberdeen Proving Ground on Sept. 9, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will be available in the Aberdeen Area from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room 236 (second floor): and in the Edgewood Area, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in building E-4140, Recreation Center.

For more information, contact Teri Wright, 410-278-4331, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Mail Handlers service visit

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative from Handlers to visit Aberdeen Proving Ground on Sept. 9, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will be available in the Aberdeen Area from 1 to 3 p.m. in building 305, room 236 (second floor). For more information, contact Teri Wright, 410-278-4331, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Breast cancer awareness training at KUSAHC

To recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month join the staff of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic on Sept. 24, noon to 1 p.m., for a Lunch and Learn training session.

Light refreshments will also be provided.

For more information or to register, call Milgaros Borrero-Ruiz at 410-278-1774, Peggy Horne at 410-278-1772 or Cheri Whiting at 410-278-1908.

Energy tip of the week

Approximately 80 to 85 percent of the energy used for washing clothes is used to heat the water. To reduce this cost use less water. wash full loads, and use cooler water and cold-water detergents.

- www.energysavers.gov

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Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

Activities

Angels and Spirit Guides

The instructor will lead discussions on topics including ghosts, angel readings and spirit guides. Classes will held on Thursdays, Sept. 11 through Oct. 6 at the AA Recreation Center, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Register by Sept. 4. Cost is \$40.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Self Defense Workshop for Women

This workshop teaches women basic self-defense techniques to use in real life situations using martial arts. Practice punching, kicking, striking, and releasing techniques. Class is Sept. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Russell Gym. Register by Aug. 29. Cost is

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Putt for Dough

This class will help intermediate and advanced players improve their putting strokes. Class will be held Sept. 13, 3 to 4 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course, Cost is \$15

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Solid Iron Play

Intermediate and advanced players can get tips on how to improve iron shots Sept. 17 at Ruggles Golf Course, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Beginning Applique Quilting

Class will be held on Thursdays, Sept. 4 to 25, 6 to 8 p.m. at Russell Gym. Students will learn seven different ways to appliqué including needleturn, reverse, freeze paper, machine, fusible, stuffed and

will also make a miniature quilt. Register by Sept. 2. Cost is \$40.

For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Military Salute **Basket Bingo**

The Aberdeen Fire Hall will host Military Basket Bingo Sept. 19. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the games start at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10. There will be food, drinks, and baked goods available too. Purchase tickets at MWR Registration or at the

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

For relaxation, take vogilates class

The Community Recreation Division will hold yogilates sessions 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 9 through Oct. 2 at the AA Fitness Center, building 320. Pilates is strength through buttonhole appliquÈ. Students grace and flexibility. Yogilates

is the integration of pilates mat work and hatha yoga. It is an effective workout that will improve muscle tone, flexibility, coordination and balance. Yogilates is also good for stress reduction. Cost to join is \$30 per person.

Register by Sept. 8 at the AA Fitness Center or call 410-278-9759.

For more information, call Mercedes Ashby at 410-278-9759 or e-mail mercedes.ashby@usag.apg.army.mil.

Tai Chi

Tai Chi classes will be held every Monday and Thursday. beginning Sept. 8, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Russell Gym, or every Monday and Wednesday, 6 to 7 p.m. at AA Recreation Center or every Tuesday and Thursday at the Hoyle Fitness Center. Cost is \$30; part of the corporate fitness pass.

For more information, contact Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.ar my.mil..

Library Book Corner

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Edgewood Area library is open Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

The following is a list of some of the new books at the APG MWR Libraries:



Beachcomber by Karen Robards

Bonnie is having a wonderful summer, living at the shore, sunbathing and surfing and being romanced by a beachcomber. When women begin dying, police surmise a serial murderer is at



The Teeth of the Tiger by Tom Clancv

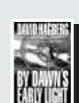
Blindside: an FBI thriller by Catherine Coulter

Street Dreams by Faye Kellerman



By Dawn's Early Light by David Hagberg

Barracuda 945 by Patrick Robinson



The library's online catalog can be accessed at www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html.

Arrive

12:40 p.m.

12:45 p.m.

12:50 p.m.

2:50 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

3:35 p.m.

SCHOOL

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1 to 2:30 p.m., in the Main Conference Room, building 305 for APG personnel who are currently involved, either as a group or as an individual in a partnership activity with public, private, Christian, or home schooling in Harford County.

Nancy Spence, coordinator of Business Partnerships, Harford County Public Schools, will discuss her role in partnerships, provide resources and answer questions. The meeting will focus on the types of formal or informal school partnerships currently being conducted, the number of people involved, and the frequency and location of these volunteer endeavors.

Mentoring, speaking to groups, tutoring, reading to groups or individuals at schools, performing support projects, are examples of partnerships.

For more information, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

VOLUNTEERTUTORS NEEDED

The APG Tutorial Program is seeking adult volunteers who want to help kids and make a difference in the life of a young person. The Aberdeen Proving Ground Tutorial Program provides volunteer tutors to assist local secondary school students who are having difficulty in various subjects. For more information or to volunteer, call Laure Reich at 410-278-7478 or Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857 for an application.

ONE-ON-ONE TUTORING:

One-on-one tutoring is available for members of the Aberdeen and Edgewood Youth Centers as an after-school service two days per week. To set up an appointment, call Lisanne Blake at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522 at 410-278-4995, or Brenda Curbelo, Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902 at 410-436-2862. Find out about the new and exciting 'Power Hour' program. Homework gets done, and it's fun!

TRANSITION COUNSELOR **INSTITUTE/PARENTS WORKSHOP**

The APG Child and Youth Services will host the Military Child Education Coalition's 'Transition Counselor Institute,' 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sept. 23 and 24, at the Top of the Bay. The 'Transition Counselor Institute' is a state-of-the-art-training forum for Harford County Public School guidance counselors who work with students of military families and the issues of transition and stability. Approximately 30-35 guidance counselors will attend. Dr. Mary Keller, Executive Director, Military Child Education Coalition, will head up the training team.

A Parents Workshop will be offered to military and civilian parents of APG interested in learning the latest information about school transition issues, parent advocacy and a host of other related topics on Sept. 23, 6 to 8 p.m. Seating capacity is limited, so register soon. For more information or to register, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

The Action Hero Bowling Club is coming to APG

The Action Hero Bowling Club for families and kids of all ages begins Sept. 22 and costs \$10 per week per person, for 17 weeks. The new family club gives bowlers the opportunity to purchase officially

licensed Action Hero bowling club, bowlers can choose a bowling ball featuring either Spider-Man or The Incredible Hulk, which glows under blacklight.

For more information or to balls. Upon completion of the see the Action Hero bowling balls, visit the APG Bowling Center, building 2342, or call Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil.

Depart

12:42 p.m.

12:47 p.m.

2:55 p.m.

3:32 p.m.

1 p.m.

Aberdeen Area/Edgewood Area shuttle bus schedule

Building

From EA-AA

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ID Section	4305	8:00 a.m.	8:02 a.m.
Kirk Clinic	2501	8:05 a.m.	8:07 a.m.
Legal	310	8:10 a.m.	8:12 a.m.
AA Motor Pool (Mail Run)	5256	8:15 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
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LEAVE DONATION

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within

agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to **Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave** Transfer Program (outside agency). **Employees leaving the program** should contact Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, to complete a termination

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Military Salute Basket Bingo coming Sept. 19

be the focal point of this bas- MWR. Purchase tickets contact Stacie Umbarger at ket bingo to be held Friday, before Sept. 19 at MWR 410-278-3931, or e-mail sta-Sept. 19 starting at 7 p.m. Registration, building 3226, cieumbarger@usag.apg.army.

Famous name baskets will able. Proceeds will benefit

Refreshments will be avail- or at the door if available.

Michele Amrhein (taking care of premature son) Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement) Mildred T. Becker (surgery) Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia) Robert J. Boonstoppel (coronary bypass surgery) Tammy Budkey Patricia Burcham (caring for father, Arthur Cummings, ATC retired) Jane E. Calahan Patricia D. Choate Sharon Gary (care for fami-

ly member)

Patty Gibson Edgar W. Greer Fern L. Hitchcock (surgery) Melanie A. Hoffman (parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition) Beverly King (caring for husband) William Klein Anita L Koller (care for husband) Danny Kopp, lung cancer George Kudrna (caring for father) Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury) William B. McLean (kidney

failure) Shirley M. Orlowicz (back surgery) Calvin E. Peake Karen S Pense Mary E. Pettiway Linda M. D. Queen Tess Ramos (lung surgery) Michael Reynolds (care of mother) Cheryl L. Roark Jorja V. Thomas-Murcia Sandra M. Wachter (surgery) Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)

For information about donating annual leave, call Ronda McKinney at 410-278-8988 or fax 410-278-7652.

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Above, Moises Murillo Murga, an outfielder and relief pitcher with the Mexico team Mexico works on his bunting techniques in the practice facilities near at Ripken Stadium, Aug. 20.







Aisha Sueda, 12, takes batting practice on the Cal Ripken Sr. ball field, Aug. 21. The lone female to participate in the Cal Ripken World Series helped her team to a second place finish.



From left, Connie Martin, Michael Kenui, 12, Aisha Sueda, 12 and George Martin, pose for a "family" photo after the Hilo, Hawaii team practice on the Cal Ripken Sr. ball field.

APG families get in on big little league fun

Story and photos by Yvonne Johnson

The Cal Ripken World Series proved memorable for several Aberdeen Proving Ground families that hosted young players from around the world during their stay in Aberdeen.

Two families hosted players from Mexico and Hawaii, the two teams that competed in the title game on Aug. 24 at Ripken Stadium. Mexico triumphed over Hawaii, 13-2.

Hosting Mexico

Saul Martinez, a toxic materiel control operator with the Edgewood Area's Technical Escort Unit and his wife Cynthia, with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, hosted four players from the Mexican team; George Martin, a police officer with the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security and his wife Connie, hosted two players from Hilo,

"It's been a great experience and a real challenge," Martinez said as he watched the team's batting practice, Aug. 20.

He said they decided to participate as hosts when the call went out for bilingual volunteers.

"They don't speak much English and I'm Puerto Rican so there really is no language barrier," he said of the four youths. "The big screen television and PlayStation meant more to them

anyway," he added. With the couple's two children grown and off to college, Martinez said there was plenty of room for the four boys who included, Aldo Ulloa Valdez, the third baseman; Sergio Burrell Lopez the catcher; and Moises Murillo Murga and Dario

Jandette Fuentes who fill in at relief pitching and in the outfield. The only cultural barrier was discovered during breakfast when he and his wife discovered the youths didn't care for eggs or pancakes, he said.

"We found that frosted flakes is an international breakfast loved by all kids," Martinez said.

From page 3

tioned the PX Manager, AAFES, military clothing store, does not carry an adequate amount of Air Force uniforms and insignia. Mark suggested he get a list of the items needed and assured him that there is no problem with offering more of a variety of items.

A concern was expressed about the lack of volunteers to mow the vacant properties within the communities. Scott said George Phillips is in charge of that issue and recommended that he be contacted at 410-306-2311.

with high grass on the playgrounds and ball fields. The the grass. According to DIO, the area.

behavior. Krauer said, effective immediately, he would have police issue tickets to anyone violating the law.

post regulations prohibit such

AAFES

A new troop store is expected to open by the end of September.

Pest control

Abdul Sheik, APG entomologist, warned residents to be aware of pest control representatives coming into their areas to perform a much needed service; getting rid of mosquitoes. Representatives said the scheduled time for them to come out is every alternate Wednesday and Thursday, to treat the housing areas. Sheik said residents would be warned when Patriot Village is covered to clear the area, adding that they post the schedule on Channel 3 and in the APG mayor for the area asked that Newspaper. He said the chemsomeone address that concern. icals could be harmful to ones The Chevron and Clear View health if inhaled, adding to be area residents are parking on watchful of the truck spraying

Martinez said the team was full of multi-talented players who practiced hard and fully expected to be in the thick of things during the weekend playoffs, and that the city of Aberdeen "really

outdid itself" in making the players feel welcome. "There were so many great activities for them," he said.

The coaches have expressed their amazement at such a welcome. They said it was a blessing to come here and that they have never been treated so well."

He added that Aberdeen Proving Ground's Morale, Welfare and Recreation even allowed the team access to the Chesapeake Challenge amusement facility.

'They gave us a group discount and the kids spent about three hours on the go-carts, putt-putt and in the batting cage," Martinez said. "My thanks to MWR for that."

Although hosting players provides sponsors with great "feelgood memories," it is not without its challenges, he said.

"You have to wash uniforms every night and you have to be available to spend time with the players and to get them to where they need to be," he said, noting that he put in for annual leave to ensure there would be no conflict.

He said that neighbors and friends also helped with food and transportation and that he and his wife plan to host players for the 2004 games.

"We will certainly do it again," Martinez said. "I've gotten attached to these guys and will hate to see them leave. We've had a blast together."

Laura Corona Verduzco, the team's business manager, said Martinez had been a "great host."

"His speaking Spanish is a plus. It made everyone feel more at home here," Verduzco said.

"The boys will miss him too," she said. "They loved it here and would stay if they could."

Hosting Hawaii

The Martins played host to 12-year olds Michael Kenui and Aisha Sueda, who drew plenty of attention as the only female

Army funded legal education program accepting nominations

OSJA

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 15 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense if funding permits.

Selected officers will attend law school beginning the fall of 2004 and will remain on active duty while attending law school. Interested officers should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1, Judge Advocate The General's Funded Legal Education Program, to determine their eligibility.

The program is open to commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two but not more than six years of total

active federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and is non-waiverable.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the fall offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at U.S. Army Personnel Command, with a copy furnished to the Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT, 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194, to be received not later than Nov. 1. Submission of the application well in advance of the deadline is advised.

For more information, contact the APG Staff Judge Advocate office, 410-278-1107.

participant on any of the teams participating in the World Series. A spry second-baseman and starting pitcher, Sueda hit the balls as hard and as far as her male teammates during an Aug. 21 workout on the Cal Ripken Sr. practice field.

Martin said the team arrived about 2 a.m., Aug. 14, fresh from winning their state Pacific Southwest Regional Championship in

"We've really enjoyed this," Martin said. "It takes your full attention but it's well worth it."

Connie Martin said the best part was cheering the team on

"We bring noise makers and yell and have a great time," she said. "It's been great and it's important these kids hear people out there supporting them."

They agreed that those considering sponsorship should be prepared for the responsibilities involved.

"It requires your full attention," George Martin said. "You can't send these kids out to play. You have to know where they are at all times."

He said that although the game committee helped with some expenses, such as laundry detergent and soft drink coupons, it could still be a strain and financially taxing for those unprepared.

"But still, it's worth it," Connie Martin added. "These kids are priceless. People don't know what they're missing."

"We will be so lonely when they leave," she added, noting they were especially proud to host the series' only female player, Aisha Sueda.

"She's got great host parents," said Sueda's father, Russell, who accompanied the team along with his wife, Lori.

"Aberdeen has been beautiful and the families have treated our kids well," he said. "We don't have to worry about them at night."

George Martin also is a member of Fraternal Order of Police chapter 116-F, which sponsors the APG Youth Services 9-to-10 year-old little league team.

ECBC demonstrates novel CB filtration system

Timothy Lavery

A new air filtration system promising improved protection for warfighters and civilians alike was unveiled by the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center on July 28, at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The system, the first of its kind designed to protect against biological and chemical agents as well as toxic industrial chemicals, uses regenerative filters that do not require renewal like conventional filters.

Low-maintenance and adaptable to a wide range of environments, this technology is extremely promising and has many possible military and homeland defense applications.

Developed by ECBC under a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with Domnick Hunter, Inc., the Chemical Biological Regenerative Air Filtration System can be installed in shelters, buildings, vehicles, ships or anywhere protection is needed against chemical or biological warfare agents.

Currently in the testing phase, the system is completely modular, scalable and multi-purpose. Equipped with two filter beds, the self-cleaning system absorbs chemical and biological agents and toxic industrial chemicals with one filter bed while simultaneously cleaning the other filter bed with high-pressure, hightemperature air. The self-contained cleansing process and automatic rotation of filters eliminates the need for regular filter changes and associated system shutdown, and minimizes the logistical footprint for operators.

The CB Regenerative Air Filtration system will be able to operate maintenance-free for extended periods.

Reunite

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until they pulled back.

Tai continued working with ammunition and closely with the Americans in Saigon. He eventually became the senior ammunition officer with the South Vietnamese Army.

Tai explained that his father had not wanted him to have anything to do with the Army. His father was a veteran of the French Army and had been a prisoner of war of the Japanese in 1945. He retired from the French Army in 1950 after 25 years of service. He told Tai, based on his experiences, that he didn't want his son to join the Army.

But Tai did. He earned his commission in 1951 following graduation from the Dalat Military Academy. He then completed the Ordnance Branch Basic course in Vietnam in 1951 and the Ammunition Officer course in France in 1956.

Prior to coming to the Career Course at APG he had served as an ammunition company commander, chief of an ammunition battalion, commander of an ammunition depot and assistant to the chief of ammunition services.

Paris and Tai were reunited in 1971 when the American officer was assigned to Long Binh where he served with the Ammunition Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, U.S. Army Vietnam. "I was pushing ammo for U.S. and Allied forces," Paris explained. "I handled about one third of the American ammunition stockpile."

He said he began searching for Tai as soon as he arrived incountry.

"I asked people I worked with if they knew him and I was told, 'Sure. We know him. He's the South Vietnamese Army's ammo officer."

Paris finally caught up with his old friend about a month later. The two socialized and Paris met Tai's family.

Paris knew that there was an annual ammunition conference in Honolulu and that Tai would be attending. Since the American officer wasn't an attendee, he conspired to surprise his wife and Tai at the conference. He called his wife and said he planned to take R&R in Honolulu the week of the conference. He didn't tell his wife about the conference.

When she arrived in Honolulu he asked her if she wanted to go to the cocktail party preceding the conference. She was at first reluctant, but reconsidered. At the party he reunited his wife and Tai. "It was a big reunion," Paris



Phan Van Tai (left) and retired Col. William Paris stand alongside a bomb display at the Ordnance Museum as they revisit the site of their meeting during the Ordnance Officer Career Course in 1965. Tai, who was a major in the South Vietnamese Army at the time, spent 13 years in prison camps in Vietnam following the fall of South Vietnam and is now a U.S. citizen working to reunite his family in the U.S.



Photo by COL. WILLIAM PARIS Phan Van Tai as he appeared in 1965 while attending the Ordnance Officer Career Course at APG. Photo was taken by his friend and sponsor, retired Col. William Paris.

Tai would return to the annual conference in March of 1975. This time he came as the Chief of Ammunition Services, Central Logistics Command. He came to the U.S. Army Pacific conference to plea for help. Ammunition supplies, as well as the overall military budget, had been drastically cut back. While ammunition still flowed into the country, it was not enough to sustain full operations. Tai explained that they were rationing ammunition supplies to the South Vietnamese units.

Also, the ammunition was so precious, Tai explained, that they were not storing it in the ammunition depots due to the increased guerilla threat, but were sending it out to units across the country.

Tai's pleas went unheeded. In fact, President Gerald Ford was asking Congress for increased aid to the Saigon government. He told Congress and the American people that the failure of the U.S. government to meet its commitments to Saigon led to "this present tragic situation" in South Vietnam. The Senate Armed Forces Committee rejected Ford's request for military assistance.

Tai returned to a country facing defeat.

It was not a surprise. Earlier in the year Chinese and Russian ammunition supplies to North Vietnam topped U.S. supplies to South Vietnam for the first time. Tai and his fellow officers knew they were in for trouble.

As he returned home during the first week of April, the fall of his homeland reached a whirlwind pace. Within days, three of the largest cities in South Vietnam were abandoned or fell to the enemy. The cities were major ports (Da Nang, Nha Trang and Qui Nhon).

Tai continued to work at moving ammunition to the troops. On April 28, a convoy was sent toward the Delta region, south of Saigon. There were rumors of a last ditch defense in the Delta area. Tai

the area to support the effort. As the convoy moved south, South Vietnamese commanders were grabbing some of the ammunition to support their defense as they pulled

Tai was in contact with one American counterpart, Lt. Col. James Ball (Ball would later become a major general and the Chief of Ordnance). Ball was working hard to get support for the evacuation of his forces as well as the South Vietnamese who were working with him. Ball's secretary was slated to fly out with an Operation Baby Lift flight that was carrying Vietnamese orphans.

"I met Ball's secretary that morning," Tai said, recalling his last visit with her. She was aboard a C-130 that crashed shortly after take off, killing 200 of the 300 aboard. She was among those who didn't make

On the morning of April 29, Ball called Tai and said he had a spot for him on an American evacuation helicopter. Tai asked if there was room for his family. There was not.

"I chose to stay with my family," Tai said. He continued working as the Americans and South Vietnamese continued to flee Saigon.

"When the new presient, Gen. Duaon Van Minh, said the war was over, I left my office and went home."

Minh surrendered the city unconditionally to the enemy. Tai stayed at home with his family until mid-June. The communist government called for all South Vietnamese Army officers and government officials to report to them on June 13, 14 or 15th.

"There were some 200,000 people rounded up by the new government," Paris explained. Tai was one of them.

He was shipped off to a prison camp south of Saigon. He had no communication with his family. His wife and children remained at home in

In July of 1976 it was announced that North and South Vietnam were reunified as the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Hanoi was the new capital city. That month Tai and his fellow officer-pris- Political the Chinese border. The prison camps were established by rank. Colonels and generals were in Tai's camp.

"The camps were modeled after the Russian gulags," Paris explained.

"It was very hard labor," Tai said. "We were cutting trees in the mountains. I thought I would be in prison forever. There were some who thought we would be released, but I never did. The communists way to communicate with his wait and see.

wanted to get ammunition to said if you were good they would release you. I didn't believe them."

Communications with his family or anyone else did not come for five years. And then the first visit was disappointing. It lasted five minutes and a guard stayed nearby the entire

His wife, with some family, managed to get out of Vietnam and settled in San Francisco.

Tai's camp was closed and the prisoners were moved closer to Hanoi when the Chinese invaded Vietnam in February of 1977. Tai would remain a prisoner for 10 more years.

Tai was finally released because he was sick. "I was moved to a hospital. They released me because they didn't like to have people dying in the camps."

In September 1987, Tai returned to his home in Saigon. He showed up unannounced. His family still struggled. His children were not allowed to attend universities because their father had been in the South Vietnamese Army.

Tai made a living buying "wholesale" from the market each day and then reselling the

"It was a good day when I made a dollar," he said.

In the meantime, the government was offering him an opportunity to leave Vietnam.

"In 1989 or 1990 I got on the list because of the intervention of the U.N. The communist government gave me an application and I filled it in. I was interviewed by representatives from the United States, the communist government, and the High Commission on Refugees."

Meanwhile, Paris had not given up on finding his old friend.

His last job in the Army was with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Lt. Gen. Benjamin Register. Register had worked with Tai in Vietnam when Register was a colonel. Paris contacted his old boss to find out if he had heard anything about Tai. Register responded that he thought Tai had died.

Paris got in touch with an organization in Washington, D.C. area called the Families of Vietnamese oners were shipped to a prison Association. Working with camp northwest of Hanoi, near Khuc Minh Tho, the president of the organization, Paris contacted members of the Vietnamese community in the D.C.-Virginia area and even talked with some former prisoners who had been with Tai in the camps. He learned about Tai's wife being in San Francisco and with the assistance of Tho, arranged to talk to her.

Once he knew where Tai was, Paris struggled to find a But he also knows he has to

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old friend. He was afraid that any identification of himself as a former soldier might bring punishment to Tai.

"I went on vacation to Paris and from there sent Tai a letter. I put no return address on it and didn't mention names in the letter," Paris said. "I found out later that Tai received the letter."

When Tai was finally permitted to leave Vietnam, he journeyed to San Francisco for a reunion with his wife in 1993. To celebrate his friend's release, Paris put together a welcome packet.

Included were letters from himself, as well as from two Vietnamese officers who were in the Ordnance Career course with them and who are now residents of the United States. Also included was a letter from retired Lt. Gen. Register; from Jim Voss, who knew Tai while Voss was a captain working in Vietnam from 1967-1968 and was employed with the Science Applications International Corporation.

Tai and his family have since moved to northern Virginia with Paris as a sponsor. Tai has been sending money to his family in Vietnam and hopes that they will all be together again soon in the United States. He has been working several jobs to support his family and to show that he can provide for his children if they are permitted to immigrate to the United States. He noted that he has now been working for 53 years and still can't stop.

Tai has become a U.S. citizen and wants to be reunited with his children, grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Tai noted that since his arrival in the United States, he has been able to see not only this country, but to travel to other countries as well.

"The U.S. is a very nice country," Tai said, "even a paradise in which to live. I repeat, it's a paradise."

Paris and Tai came to APG to revisit the place their friendship began. The building in which they were students no longer exists, but the BOQ where Tai lived still stands. Prisoners The Officers Club, now Top of the Bay, brought back memories as the two old friends enjoyed a long lunch overlooking the Bay.

> Tai grew solemn as he addressed the question about whether he hoped to see the rest of his family in the country soon. Having spent 13 years in camps wondering if he ever would see even his home in Saigon again, he said he wants to believe it will happen soon.

Scuito receives Towson University alumni award

Cindy Kronman

Dr. Alfred M. Sciuto, a principal investigator at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, recently received the Towson University College of Science and Mathematics Dean's Recognition Award. Each year, Towson's Alumni Association honors alumni who have distinguished themselves in their fields.

Sciuto earned his bachelor's degree in biology in 1972 and his master's in physiology in 1979 from Towson University. He received his doctorate in physiology, toxicology and occupational medicine from The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in 1991.

Shortly after earning his doctorate Sciuto joined the staff of MRICD as a research physiologist. He was hired to design, fabricate, and set-up an inhalation toxicological laboratory to investigate the role of threat agents on pulmonary physiology and biochemistry by employing newly designed models of acute lung injury.

He began by studying the effects of phosgene, but has expanded his research studies to examine the pulmonary effects of blister and nerve agents. The ultimate goal of

els and evaluate therapeutic treatments against compounds or agents that are capable of causing acute lung injury. Treatments for evaluation are selected from a list of clinically available FDA-approved drugs.

Most recently, Sciuto was named research coordinator for the Inhalation Toxicology Program.

Sciuto's research has resulted in 36 peer-review publications and five book chapters, as well as several technical reports and proceedings manuscripts. He is a peer reviewer for several scientific journals, Toxicological such as Sciences, Journal of Applied Toxicology, Toxicological Methods, Archives of Toxicology, Inhalation Toxicology, and Jane's Defense Weekly, and guest editor for a special issue of

Inhalation Toxicology on the respiratory effects of biological and chemical agents. He has been invited to submit chapters for the forthcoming books Inhalation Toxicology of Irritants: Phosgene a Case Study and Recent Developments in Biophysics and Biochemistry as well as a paper on phosgene for Jane's

Defense Weekly. In addition to being a recog-

his research is to develop mod- nized expert in his field, Sciuto is a regular technical consultant for the Phosgene Panel of the American Chemical Council, a consortium of chemical companies that set up or have in place specialty panels to address potential industrial accidental exposure to chemicals. As a consultant, Sciuto regularly reviews research proposals that address these issues and is contacted several times a year by the Panel for review, analysis and consultation.

Sciuto has also been an avid archeologist for the last 10 years. He is a member of the Archeological Society of Maryland and treasurer of the local Archeological Society of the Northern Chesapeake. In December 2002, Sciuto received the Paul Cresthull Award from the Northern Chesapeake chapter for his archeological activities and his service to the chapter.

Prior to joining the staff of MRICD, Dr Sciuto held several junior faculty positions at the The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in the Divisions Gastroenterology Pulmonary Medicine, as well as at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene

and Public Health, Department

of Environmental Physiology.

Susan Hagan, ATSS

Dr. Gregory Shulz, a general engineer at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, was presented the Third Annual Dr. Marion R. Bryson Award for Test and Evaluation Excellence at the Army T&E Days 2003 Conference in Huntsville, Ala., in June.

An ATC employee since 1988, Schultz's most recent and noteworthy accomplishment is the concept and development of the Roadway Simulator. The simulator is the world's largest automotive simulator, designed to fully test the performance of wheeled vehicles ranging from 5,000 to 80,000 pounds at speeds of up to 120 mph. Using a robotic driver, a heavily instrumented test vehicle can be taken to its physical stability limit on the Roadway Simulator while all deflections, stresses, vibrations, forces, and torques are measured dynamically. The information is then used to validate vehicle dynamics and performance models, refine system designs, and improve efficiency, reliability, performance and safety.

Many years of effort were put into developing the simulator. Schultz followed the project through from the planning and execution of the initial technical feasibility study in fiscal year 1995, to the ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening the facility in April of 2003.

Schultz also worked with other high profile projects at ATC such as the development of the Trench Warfare I and II firing ranges and instrumentation.

In his nomination, Schultz is described as "a brilliant, high-energy individual whose cooperative spirit, professionalism, and devotion to duty stretch far beyond all expectations."

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Eagle Scout candidate organizes renovation

Michelle Walker-Alexander Special contributor

Before winter was over. Sean Hannon of Boy Scout Troop #429 was planning to make a difference in the community and give families an attractive option for a summertime outing.

The first weekend in June, Hannon decided to give the Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Miniature Golf Course a much-welcomed facelift. The undertaking would serve as his leadership project, taking him a step closer to the esteemed rank of Eagle Scout.

To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a candidate must spearhead a leadership project that will enhance the local community and display organizational and leadership skills. With the encouragement of his Scout Master Jeff Mathis, Hannon saw an opportunity to enrich the community by beautifying the golf course.

"I felt like this was a new challenge for me to face, putting everything together from start to finish. I'm used to being in charge of smaller tasks," Hannon said.

Having identified the project, Hannon was then faced with the massive process of creating a project proposal for review and approval by Mike Bayob of the District Advance Committee. The project proposal required details of the current condition of the site, proposed modifications and improvements, as well as estimates of cost and labor requirements.

The project proposal was approved and the Outdoor Recreation Division granted permission. The next big task was to recruit volunteers and the necessary funds for supplies.

To secure the needed funds and manpower, Hannon had to be clever, resourceful and most of all, persuasive.

"It took charm and skill to convince Marines, young children and peers to freely give a weekend to paint, landscape and perform light repairs," Hannon said.

Using equipment on loan from APG's Directorate of Installation Operations, the volunteers worked hard from early in the day through the late afternoon.

The efforts were magnified by the weather conditions; the original dates were rained out and it threatened rain on the make-up dates.

But the heavy clouds and dark sky did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm or effort of the volunteer forces replacing and painting rope fence, power washing the carpeting and painting the signs and the Light House.

When asked why he chose

concert

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"We encourage everyone to bring blankets and lawn chairs," Meadows said. "There will be plenty of food and refreshments for sale."

Meadows said ticket sales are going well and fans still can purchase tickets through established outlets.

Lonestar and Adkins are ranked at 9 and 10, respectively on Bob Kingley's American Country Countdown and Adkins holds the No. 4 spot on Country Music Televison's Top 5 Videos for his hit single, "Then They Do."

Lonestar also was nominated for the Country Music Association Vocal Group of the Year Award, and Adkins became the newest member of the Grand Old Opry, during a

live segment on CMT, Aug. 23. Lonestar is enjoying the success of its most recent No. 1 hit, "My Front Porch Looking In."



Cub scout Mark Crawford, left, and Boy Scout John Crawford dig out waterfall area at Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Putt-Putt golf course.

this particular project, Hannon said, "I saw there was a need, you need something to be

done, I can help you out." When asked what he enjoyed most about the project, Hannon said, "Being able to see the project actually unfold and come together in such a short period of time. I planned it on paper and knew what needed to be done, but until you physically see the results, that was the best."

Hannon estimated 373 volunteer manpower hours.

"I couldn't have done it without all the great workers I had. I truly appreciated all the time and effort they put into it," Hannon said.

When tackling projects of this magnitude, Hannon offers the following advice:

"I learned that you have to look at the big picture and that communication with all persons involved is the key to success."

In the words of Wayne Doyel, director of Outdoor Recreation, the Eagle Scout candidate and his crew did, "A really nice job. The results are a brighter, safer, friendly place for a round of miniature golf."



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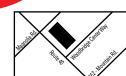


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